PETITIONS

OF THE LORDS AND COMMONS TO HIS MAJESTIE,

Febr. 2. 1641.

With his Maiesties gracious Answer:

Also his Maiesties consent for the Princesse *Maries* going to Holland, and her Maiesty to accompany her.

Together with her Maiesties Answer to a Message of both houses.

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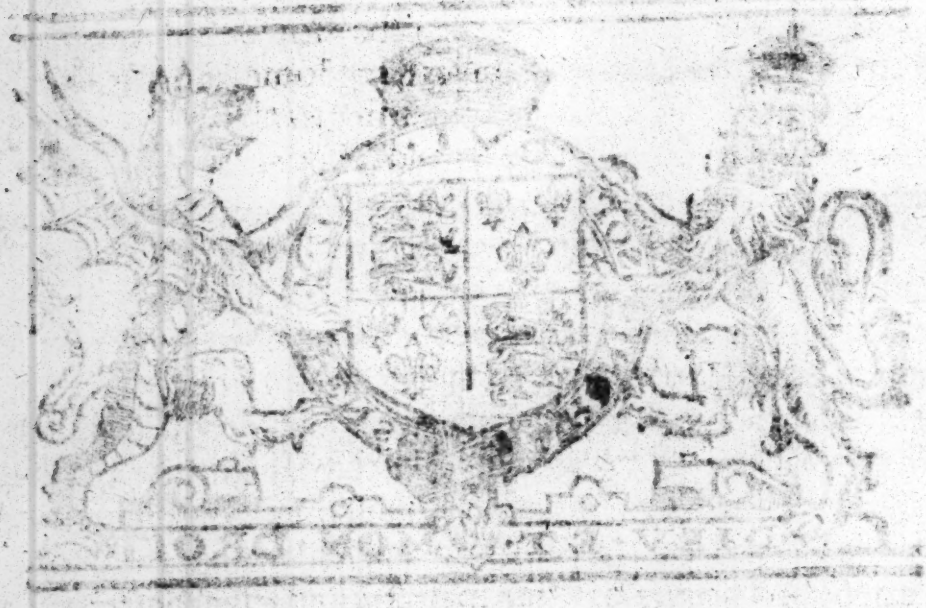

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, the humble Petition of the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament.

THe present Evills and Calamities wherewith your Kingdoms are most miserably intangled, the eminent dangers which threaten your Royall person, and all your people, have caused us your most faithfull and obedient subiects, the Lords and Commons in this present parliament, with thankfulnesse to entertaine, and with all earnestnesse of affection and endeavor to pursue the gtacious proposition and Direction which not long since we have received from your maiestie: And we have thereupon taken into our most serious consideration, the wayes and meanes of securing the safety of yonr royall person, preserving the Honour and Authoritie of your Crowne, removing all Iealousies betwixt your maiestie and your people, suppressing the rebellion in Ireland, preventing the Feares and Dangers in this Kingdome, and the mischievous Designs of those who are enemies to the peace of it. And that we may with more Comfort and securitie accomplish our duties herein, wee most humbly beseech your maiestie, That you will be pleased forthwith to put the Tower of London, and all other Forts, and whole militia of the Kingdome, into the hands of such persons as shall be recommended unto your Maiestie, by both Houses of parliament, which they assure themselves will be a hopefull entrance into those courses, which (through Gods blessing) shall be effectuall for the removing all diffidence and mis-apprehention betwixt your maiestie and your people, and for establishing and enlarging the Honour, Greatnesse and power of your maiestie and royal posterity, and for the restoring and confirming the peace and happinesse of loyall subiects in all your Dominions.

And to this our most necessary Petition, we in all humility expect your Maiesties speedy and gracious answere, the great distractions and distempers of the Kingdom, not admitting any delay.

To the KINGS most excellent Majestie,

The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons now *assembled in Parliament*,

Sheweth,

THat whereas your Maiestie by a message sent to both Houses of Parliament, signified an Apprehension of some Treasonable matter to have bin committed by the Lord *Kymbolton*, Master *Hollis*, Sir *Arthur Hasterig*, M. *Pym*, M. *Hampden*, and M. *Strode*; and thereby declared your Maiesties intention to proceed against them in an unquestionable way: Wee the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, did make our humble petition to your Maiestie, to beseech your Maiestie to give directions that your Parliament might be informed before Tuesday then next ensuing, what proofe there was against them, that accordingly there might be Legall and parliamentary proceeding against them, whereby they might be brought to condigne punishment, if guilty; or discharged from so heavie an accusation, if innocent. And whereas your Maiestie was graciously pleased in answere to petition, to expresse your good approbation of the houses, for the speedy proceeding against the persons in that petition mentioned; yet your maiestie gave no other satisfaction to their desire then this, That your maiestie held it necessary, lest a new mistake should breed more delayes, that it should be resolved, whether your maiestie were bound in respect of priviledges, to proceed against them by impeachment in that parliament,

ment, or to be left at liberty to preferre an indictment at the Common law, in the usual way, or to have your choice of either; and we finding still, that there is no legall and Parliamentarie proceedings against them, and that they still lie under the burden of that high Charge, Wee thinke it our duty once againe to beseech your Majestie to give directions, that your parliament may be informed before Friday next, what proof there is against them, that accordingly they may be called to a Legall Triall, it being the undoubted Right and Priviledge of parliament, That no member of parliament can be proceeded against without the consent of parliament. And this we most humbly conceive our selves obliged to aske, it being no lesse agreeable with Justice, to have the innocency of parties unjustly charged, manifested, then to bring the Nocent to their just punishment.

His Majesties answere to two petitions of the Lords and Commons, delivered, *Febr.* 2. 1641.

HIs maiestie having well considered of the two severall petitions, presented unto him on Wednesday the second of this moneth, from both houses of parliament, and being desirous to expresse how willing he is to apply a remedy, not only to your dangers, but even to your doubts and feares; he therefore, to that petition which concerns the Forts and militia of this Kingdome, returns this answere; That when hee shall know the extent of power which is intended to be established in those persons, whom you desire to be the Commanders of the militia in the severall Counties; And likewise to what time it shalbe limmited, that no power shalbe executed by his maiestie alone, without the advice of parliament,

dangers, or Iealousies of any) His maiestie will be content to put in all the places both of Forts and Militia in the severall Counties, such persons as both the Houses of parliament shall either approve or recommend unto him, so that you declare before unto his maiestie, the names of the persons whom you approve or recommend: unlesse such persons shall be named, against whom he shall have iust and unquestionable exceptions.

To the other Petition concerning the members of either House, His maiestie returns this answere, That as he once conceived that he had ground enough to accuse them, so now his maiestie finds as good cause wholly to desert any prosecution of them.

And for a further testimony of his maiesties reall Intention towards all his loving Subiects (some of whom happly may be involved in some unknowing and unwilling Errors) For better composing and setling all fears and iealousies of what kinde soever, His maiestie is ready to grant as free and generall a Pardon for the full contentment of all his loving subiects, as shall by the approbation of both Houses of parliament bee thought convenient for that purpose.

His Maiesties Consent for the Princesse *Maries* going to HOLLAND.

And her Maiestie to accompany her thither.

HIs maiestie being very much pressed by the States Ambassador to send the Princesse his Daughter immediately into *Holland*: And being likewise earnestnestly desired by his royall Consort the Queene, to give her majestie

maieſtie leave to accompany her daughter thither; hath thought fit to conſent to both deſires, and to make this his Maieſties reſolution known to his parliament.

Her Maieſties Anſwere to a meſſage of both houſes.

THe Queen having received a meſſage from both houſes of parliament by the Earl of *Newport* and the Lord *Seymore*, intimating unto her, that ſhe had been told that the houſe of Commons had an intention to accuſe her of high Treaſon, and that Articles to that purpoſe had been ſhewed unto her, Returns this anſwere,

That there was a generall report of an Accuſation intended againſt her, but ſhe never ſaw any Areicles in writing, and having no certaine Author either for the one, or for the other, ſhee gave little credit thereunto, and much leſſe now being aſſured from the houſe of Commons that never any ſuch thing came into their thoughts.

Nor will ſhe beleeve they would lay an aſpertion upon her, who hath ever been very unapt ſo far to miſconſter the actions of any one perſon, and much more the proceedings of parliament, and ſhall at all times wish a happy understanding between the King and his people.

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